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Testing Services

Healthcare & Social Services 

Pacific Interpreters™ offers several assessments designed to provide our clients with an independent appraisal of a candidate's level of linguistic proficiency, interpreting skills and suitability as a healthcare interpreter. We have dedicated staff and consultants that support our Testing services. Testing is available in over 30 languages.

TEST 1 – BILINGUAL FLUENCY ASSESSMENT (BFA)

The Bilingual Fluency Assessment evaluates the candidate's oral fluency and listening comprehension in English and the target language, and assesses vocabulary, grammar, clarity and flow of speech. Each language is evaluated separately. This assessment includes terms commonly used in the healthcare context (e.g. hospital gown, injection, fever), but is not designed to test medical terminology or conversion skills.

TEST 2 – INTERPRETER READINESS ASSESSMENT (IRA)

Building on the BFA, the Interpreter Readiness Assessment evaluates the candidate's oral fluency

and listening comprehension in English and the target language, and further assesses the candidate's ability to convert in the consecutive mode with accuracy and completeness. As with the BFA this assessment does not include medical terminology, industry standards, or protocols.

TEST 3 – MEDICAL INTERPRETER SKILLS ASSESSMENT (MISA)

The Medical Interpreter Skills Assessment is for interpreters who have received professional interpreter training. In addition to all the elements of the BFA and IRA, it covers medical terminology, interpreter ethics, industry standards, and protocols. This is the most comprehensive test.

TEST 4 – ENGLISH-ONLY ASSESSMENT (EOA)

The English-Only Assessment evaluates the candidate's oral fluency and listening comprehension in English. It includes terms commonly used in the healthcare context (e.g. injection and fever) but does not include medical terminology. This test is offered as an option for candidates who speak less common languages, for which bilingual testers may not be available.

TEST ELEMENTS	BILINGUAL FLUENCY	INTERPRETER READINESS	MEDICAL INTERPRETER SKILLS	ENGLISH ONLY
Fluency in English	X	X	X	X
Healthcare Context Terms	X	X	X	X
Fluency in Target Language	X	X	X	
Conversion Skills		X	X	
Standards of Practice			X	
Interpreter Ethics			X	
Medical Terminology			X	
Cost	\$115	\$125	\$195	\$125
Approximate Length of Test	30 MIN.	15 MIN.	25 MIN.	30 MIN.
Over-the-Phone Format	INTERVIEW	ROLE PLAY	ROLE PLAY	INTERVIEW

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